



As recruiting rebounds, the Army will expand basic training to rebuild the force for modern warfare

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by an increase in recruiting, the Army will expand its basic combat training in what its leaders hope reflects a turning point as it prepares to meet the challenges of future wars.

The added training will begin in October and comes as the Army tries to reverse years of dismal recruiting when it failed to meet its enlistment goals. New units in Oklahoma and Missouri will train as many as 4,000 recruits every year.

Army leaders are optimistic they will hit their target of 55,000 recruits this year and say the influx of new soldiers forced them to increase the number of training sites.



Students gather during physical training exercises in the new Army prep course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022.

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"I am happy to say last year's recruiting transformation efforts have us on track to make this year's recruiting mission, with thousands awaiting basic training" in the next year, Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said. Adding the two new locations, she said, is a way to get the soldiers trained and into units quickly, "with further expansion likely next spring if our recruiting numbers keep improving."

The expanded training is part of a broader effort to restructure the Army so it is better able to fight against a sophisticated adversary such as Russia or China. The U.S. military spent much of the past two decades bat-



Students enlisted in the new Army prep course work together in barracks at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., Aug. 26, 2022

ting insurgent groups in Iraq and Afghanistan rather than fighting a broader war with

another high-tech, more capable nation. Brig. Gen. Jenn Walkawicz,

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head of operations for the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, said there will be two new training companies at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and two at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Driving the growth is the successful Future Soldier Prep Course, which was created at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in August 2022 as a new way to bolster enlistments. That program gives lower-performing recruits up to 90 days of academic or fitness instruction to help them meet military standards and move on to basic training. Created two years ago, the program has been cited as a key reason Army leaders expect that this fall they will reverse several years of recruiting shortfalls. In the budget year that ended Sept. 30, the Army brought in a bit more than 50,000 recruits, falling far short of the publicly stated "stretch goal" of 65,000.

The Army has 151 training companies overall that work with recruits at Fort Jackson and Fort Moore, Georgia, in addition to the 15 training companies assigned to the prep course. Army leaders have expanded the prep course, which is expected to bring in nearly 20,000 recruits this budget year and that total is expected to spike in 2025.

Due to the Army's recruiting struggles, the number of recruits going through basic training dropped in recent years. As a result, the 15 train-

ing units, which total 27 soldiers each, including 16 drill sergeants, were available for the prep course. But as the prep course grows, those units are not available to do basic training.

"We don't want to mess with that because right now that formula's working and it's provided a lot of value for the Army," Walkawicz said. So, the Army is creating the four new companies and has developed plans for more if needed.

She added that Fort Sill and Fort Leonard Wood have the infrastructure, the barracks and the room to accommodate the new units and could take more if needed.

The costs of the program are limited because the Army already had the equipment and rooms required, but there will be maintenance, food, staffing and other costs. Army officials did not provide a total price.

The move to add units is the latest change in what has been a tumultuous time for the Army. Coming out of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, when the service grew dramatically to fill the nation's combat needs, the U.S. military began to see recruiting dip. Unemployment has been low, corporate jobs pay well and offer good benefits, and, according to estimates, just 23% of people age 17 to 24 are physically, mentally and morally qualified to serve without receiving some type of waiver. Moral behavior issues include drug use, gang ties or a criminal record.

Those problems were only amplified as the coronavirus pandemic took hold, preventing recruiters from meeting with students in person at schools, fairs and other public events.

In 2022, the Army fell 15,000 short of its enlistment goal of 60,000, and the other services had to dig deep into their pools of delayed entry candidates in order to meet their recruiting numbers. Then in 2023, the Army, Navy and Air Force all missed their recruitment targets. The Marine Corps and the tiny Space Force have consistently hit their goals. □

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Americans are 'getting whacked' by too many laws and regulations, Justice Gorsuch says in a new book

By MARK SHERMAN

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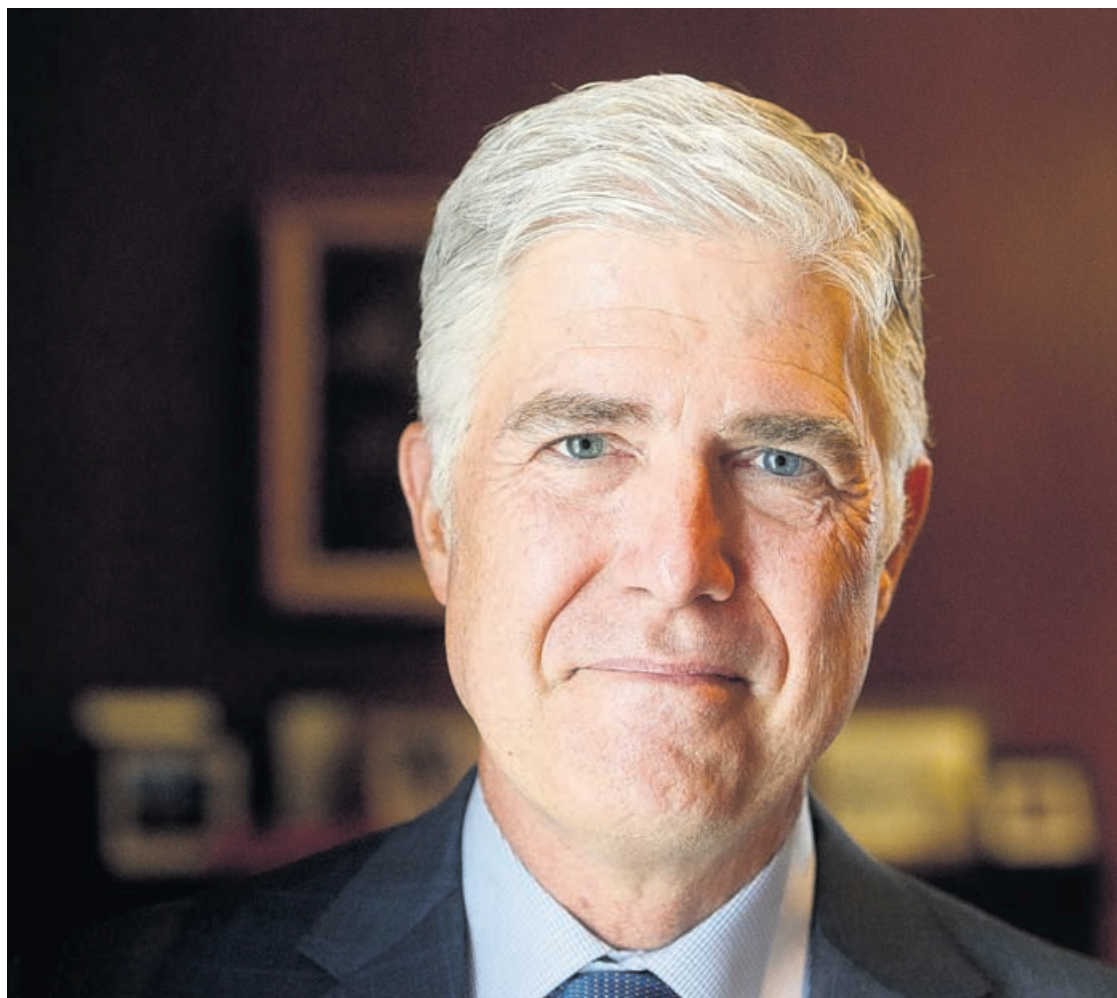
WASHINGTON (AP) — Ordinary Americans are "getting whacked" by too many laws and regulations, Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch says in a new book that underscores his skepticism of federal agencies and the power they wield. "Too little law and we're not safe, and our liberties aren't protected," Gorsuch told The Associated Press in an interview in his Supreme Court office. "But too much law and you actually impair those same things."

"Over Ruled: The Human Toll of Too Much Law" is being published Tuesday by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. Gorsuch has received a \$500,000 advance for the book, according to his annual financial disclosure reports.

In the interview, Gorsuch refused to be drawn into discussions about term limits or an enforceable code of ethics for the justices, both recently proposed by President Joe Biden at a time of diminished public trust in the court. Justice Elena Kagan, speaking a couple of days before Biden, separately said the court's ethics code, adopted by the justices last November, should have a means of enforcement.

But Gorsuch did talk about the importance of judicial independence. "I'm not saying that there aren't ways to improve what we have. I'm simply saying that we've been given something very special. It's the envy of the world, the United States judiciary," he said.

The 56-year-old justice was the first of three Supreme Court nominees of then-President Donald Trump, and they have combined to entrench a conservative majority that has overturned *Roe v. Wade*, ended affirmative action in college admissions, expanded gun rights and clipped environmental regulations aimed at climate change, as well as air and water pollution more generally.



Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch poses for a portrait in his office at the Supreme Court, Monday, July 29, 2024, in Washington.

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A month ago, the Supreme Court completed a term in which Gorsuch and the court's five other conservative justices delivered sharp rebukes to the administrative state in three major cases, including the decision that overturned the 40-year-old *Chevron* decision that had made it more likely that courts would sustain regulations. The court's three liberal justices dissented each time.

Gorsuch also was in the majority in ruling that former presidents have broad immunity from criminal prosecution in a decision that indefinitely delayed the election interference case against Trump. What's more, the justices made it harder to use a federal obstruction charge against people who were part of the mob that violently attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in an effort to overturn Trump's defeat by Biden in the 2020 election. Gorsuch defended the immunity ruling as necessary to prevent presidents from being hampered while in office by threats of prosecution once they leave.

The court had to wrestle with an unprecedented situation, he said. "Here we have, for the first time in our history, one presidential administration bringing criminal charges against a prior president. It's a grave question, right? Grave implications," Gorsuch said. But in the book, co-authored by a former law clerk, Janie Nitze, Gorsuch largely sets those big issues aside and turns his focus to a fisherman, a magician, Amish farmers, immigrants, a hair braider and others who risked jail time, large fines, deportation and other hardships over unyielding rules.

In 18 years as a judge, including the past seven on the Supreme Court, Gorsuch said, "There were just so many cases that came to me in which I saw ordinary Americans, just everyday, regular people trying to go about their lives, not trying to hurt anybody or do anything wrong and just getting whacked, unexpectedly, by some legal rule they didn't know

about." The problem, he said, is that there has been an explosion of laws and regulations, at both the federal and state levels. The sheer volume of Congress' output for the past decade is overwhelming, he said, averaging 344 pieces of legislation totaling 2 million to 3 million words a year.

One vignette involves John Yates, a Florida fisherman who was convicted of getting rid of some undersized grouper under a federal law originally aimed at the accounting industry and the destruction of evidence in the Enron scandal. Yates' case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where he won by a single vote.

"I wanted to tell the story of people whose lives were affected," Gorsuch said.

The book expands on a theme that has run through Gorsuch's opinions over the years, from his criticism of the *Chevron* decision back when he served on a federal appeals court in Denver to his statement in May 2023 in which he called emergency measures taken during the COVID-19

crisis that killed more than 1 million Americans perhaps "the greatest intrusions on civil liberties in the peacetime history of this country." While Gorsuch has voted with the other conservative justices in most of the court's momentous cases, he also has joined with the liberals in notable cases, including those in which he wrote the opinion in 2020 that expanded protections against workplace discrimination to LGBTQ people. Gorsuch also has sided with the liberal justices in all the court's cases involving Native Americans since he joined the court.

Immigration, especially when people fighting deportation have complained they were given inadequate notice about hearings, is another area where he has typically broken with his conservative colleagues.

Gorsuch recently returned from a summer teaching gig in Porto, Portugal, for the George Mason University law school. Last year, he spent two weeks in Lisbon, Portugal, with the same program for which he was paid nearly \$30,000, plus meals, lodging and travel. He will travel to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, later this week to talk about the new book.

The day he met with AP, he said, was the first time in weeks that he put on a tie. He wore a dark blue suit, cowboy boots and a Western-style belt.

He seemed at ease, offering chocolate chip cookies and coffee to visitors and joking with a reporter who talked about an upcoming trip to the New Jersey shore. "Go fly some flags up there," Gorsuch said, a reference to the controversy over flags, similar to those carried by Jan. 6 rioters, that were flown at homes owned by Justice Samuel Alito and his wife.

Gorsuch is not the only justice rolling out a book this summer. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's memoir, "Lovely One," will be published next month. □

Tropical Storm Debby barrels toward Florida, with potential record-setting rains farther north

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TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tropical Storm Debby was strengthening rapidly Sunday and was expected to become a hurricane as it churned through the Gulf of Mexico toward Florida, bringing with it the threat of devastating floods to the southeast Atlantic coast later in the week. The storm was likely to become a strong Category 1 hurricane before making landfall Monday in the Big Bend region of Florida or the Florida Panhandle, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. From there, Debby was expected to move eastward over northern Florida and then stall over the coastal regions of Georgia and South Carolina, thrashing the region with potential record-setting rains totaling up to 30 inches (76 centimeters) beginning Tuesday. Officials also warned of life-threatening storm surge along Florida's Gulf Coast, with 6 to 10 feet of inundation expected Monday between the Ochlockonee and Suwannee rivers.

"There's some really amazing rainfall totals being forecast and amazing in a bad way," Michael Brennan, director of the hurricane center, said at a briefing. "That would be record-breaking rainfall associated with a tropical cyclone for both the states of Georgia and South Carolina if we got up to the 30 inch level."



A man takes photos of the surf pushed by winds from Tropical Storm Debby as they break over the sea wall in Cedar Key, Fla., on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024.

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Flooding impacts could last through Friday and are expected to be especially severe in low-lying areas near the coast, including Savannah, Georgia; Hilton Head, South Carolina; and Charleston, South Carolina. Officials in Savannah said the area could see a month's worth of rain in four days if the system stalls over the region. "This is going to a significant storm. The word historic cannot be underscored here," Savannah Mayor Van. R. Johnson said during a press conference. The hurricane center said in a 5 p.m. update that Debby was located about 120 miles (193 kilometers) west of Tampa, Florida, with maximum

sustained winds of 65 mph (105 kph). The storm was moving north at 12 mph (19 kph). Debby's outer bands grazed the west coast of Florida, flooding streets and bringing power outages. Sarasota County officials said most roadways on Siesta Key, a barrier island off the coast of Sarasota, were under water. The hurricane center predicted the system would strengthen as it curved off the southwest Florida coast, where the water has been extremely warm. At a briefing Sunday afternoon, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis warned that the storm could lead to "really, really significant flooding that will happen in North Central

Florida." He said it would follow a similar track to Hurricane Idalia, which lashed the state last year, but would "be much wetter. We are going to see much more inundation." Debby is the fourth named storm of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season after Tropical Storm Alberto, Hurricane Beryl and Tropical Storm Chris, all of which formed in June. A hurricane warning was issued for parts of the Big Bend and the Florida Panhandle, while tropical storm warnings were posted for Florida's West Coast, the southern Florida Keys and Dry Tortugas. A tropical storm watch extended farther west into the Panhandle.

Tropical storms and hurricanes can trigger river flooding and overwhelm drainage systems and canals. Forecasters warned of 6 to 12 inches (15 centimeters to 30 centimeters) of rain and up to 18 inches (46 centimeters) in isolated areas of Florida. Storm surge expected to hit Gulf Coast, including Tampa Bay

Flat Florida is prone to flooding even on sunny days, and the storm was predicted to bring a surge of 2 to 4 feet (0.6 to 1.2 meters) along most of the Gulf Coast, including Tampa Bay, with a storm tide of up to 7 feet (2.1 meters) north of there in the sparsely populated Big Bend region. Forecasters warned of "a danger of life-threatening storm surge inundation" in a region that includes Hernando Beach, Crystal River, Steinhatchee and Cedar Key. Officials in Citrus and Levy counties ordered a mandatory evacuation of coastal areas, while those in Hernando, Manatee, Pasco and Taylor counties called for voluntary evacuations. Shelters opened in those and some other counties.

Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast estimated 21,000 people live in his county's evacuation zone. Residents, businesses prepare for flooding Residents in Steinhatchee, Florida, which flooded during Hurricane Idalia, spent Sunday moving items to higher ground. □



Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump claps at a campaign rally at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024.

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By **ERIC TUCKER**
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal judge presiding over the election subver-

sion case against former President Donald Trump rejected Saturday a defense effort to dismiss the indictment on claims that he was

Judge in Trump's federal election subversion case rejects defense effort to dismiss the prosecution

prosecuted for vindictive and political purposes. The ruling from U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan is the first substantive order since the case was returned to her Friday following a landmark Supreme Court opinion last month that conferred broad immunity for former presidents and narrowed special counsel Jack Smith's case against Trump. In their motion to dismiss the indictment, de-

fense lawyers argued that Trump was mistreated because he was prosecuted even though others who have challenged election results have avoided criminal charges. Trump, the Republican nominee in the 2024 presidential race, also suggested that President Joe Biden and the Justice Department launched a prosecution to prevent him from winning reelection. But Chutkan rejected both

arguments, saying Trump was not charged simply for challenging election results but instead for "knowingly making false statements in furtherance of criminal conspiracies and for obstruction of election certification proceedings." She also said that his lawyers had misread news media articles that they had cited in arguing that the prosecution was political in nature. □

U.S. and allies prepare to defend Israel as Netanyahu says it's already in 'multi-front war' with Iran

By NATALIE MELZER and
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Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel is already in a "multi-front war" with Iran and its proxies, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a Cabinet meeting Sunday, as the United States and allies prepared to defend Israel from an expected counterstrike and prevent an even more destructive regional conflict. Tensions have soared following nearly 10 months of war in Gaza and the killing last week of a senior Hezbollah commander in Lebanon and Hamas' top political leader in Iran. Iran and its allies have blamed Israel and threatened retaliation. Hamas says it has begun discussions on choosing a new leader.

Netanyahu said Israel was ready for any scenario. Jordan's foreign minister was making a rare trip to Iran as part of diplomatic efforts — "We want the escalation to end," Ayman Safadi said — while the Pentagon has moved significant assets to the region.

"We are doing everything possible to make sure that this situation does not boil over," White House deputy national security adviser Jon Finer told ABC.

In Israel, some prepared bomb shelters and recalled Iran's unprecedented direct military assault in April



Palestinians inspect the damage at a tent area in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Martyrs hospital, hit by an Israeli bombardment on Deir al-Balah, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024.

Associated Press

following a suspected Israeli strike that killed two Iranian generals. Israel said almost all the drones and ballistic and cruise missiles were intercepted.

A stabbing attack on Sunday near Tel Aviv killed a woman in her 70s and an 80-year-old man, according to Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service, and two others were wounded. The police said the attack was carried out by a Palestinian militant, who was "neutralized."

Inside Gaza, the Health Ministry said at least 25 people were killed and 19 others

injured when Israel struck two schools in Gaza City. AP video showed at least one child among the dead. Israel's military, which regularly accuses Palestinian militants of sheltering in civilian areas, said it hit Hamas command centers.

"As you can see, there is no equipment to recover the injured. Rescuers are digging with their hands," said one man, Yusuf Al-Mashharawi. Earlier, Israeli strikes killed at least 18 people. One hit a tent camp for thousands of displaced Palestinians in the courtyard of Al-Aqsa Martyrs

Hospital, killing four people, including one woman, the Health Ministry said. The Israeli military said it targeted a Palestinian militant in the strike, which it said caused secondary explosions, "indicating the presence of weaponry in the area."

The hospital in Deir al-Balah is the main medical facility operating in central Gaza as many others in the territory no longer function. A separate strike on a home near Deir al-Balah killed a girl and her parents, according to the hospital.

Another strike flattened a

house in northern Gaza, killing at least eight, including three children, their parents and their grandmother, according to the Health Ministry. Another three people were killed in a strike on a vehicle in Gaza City, according to Civil Defense first responders.

Palestinian militants in Gaza fired at least five projectiles at Israeli communities near the border without causing casualties or damage, the military said. The military later told people in some parts of the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis to evacuate. The Health Ministry also said an Israeli strike on Saturday at a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City killed at least 16 people. Israel's military said it struck a Hamas command center.

The war in Gaza was triggered by Hamas' Oct. 7 attack into Israel that killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took around 250 people hostage.

Israel's massive offensive in response has killed at least 39,580 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants. Heavy airstrikes and ground operations have caused widespread destruction and displaced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million people, often multiple times. □

In a win for Mexico, U.S. will expand areas for migrants to apply online for entry at southern border

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Biden administration will expand areas where migrants can apply online for appointments to enter the United States to a large swath of southern Mexico, officials said Saturday, potentially easing strains on the Mexican government and lessening dangers for people trying to reach the U.S. border to claim asylum.

Migrants will be able to

schedule appointments on the CBP One app from the states of Chiapas and Tabasco, extending the zone from northern and central Mexico, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said. The move satisfies a request of Mexico, an increasingly close partner of the U.S. in efforts to control extraordinary migration flows.

The change will spare migrants from traveling north through Mexico to get one of 1,450 appointments made available daily, CBP said. The

agency said it will happen soon but did not give a date. "We consistently engage with our partners in the Government of Mexico and work together to adjust policies and practices in response to the latest migration trends and security needs," CBP said in a statement.

The statement confirmed remarks a day earlier by Mexico's Foreign Affairs Secretary Alicia Bárcena, who said closer relations with the United States cut migration sharply from late last year.



A migrant from Michoacan, Mexico, uses the CBPOne app Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, in Tijuana, Mexico.

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U.S. officials have said increased Mexican enforcement is largely responsible for a sharp drop in U.S. arrests for illegal border crossings during the first half of this

year. Mexican officials have stepped up their presence at highway checkpoints and on railroads leading to the U.S. border, returning most to southern Mexico. □

Journalists covering Nigeria protests dodge bullets as police arrest nearly 700 people

By **CHINEDU ASADU**

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian security forces on Saturday fired bullets and teargas at several journalists and protesters during demonstrations against the country's economic crisis in the capital city, Abuja, according to journalists at the scene and videos reviewed by The Associated Press. It was not immediately confirmed whether the projectiles fired at journalists were rubber or live rounds. But the AP witnessed the aftermath of the attack, including bullet holes in a car belonging to one of the journalists as well as live bullets at the scene of the protests.

At least 50 protesters were arrested on Saturday during the protests in Abuja, Amnesty International's Nigeria office said. Nearly 700 protesters have so far been arrested across the country while nine officers have been injured during the protests, now in their third day, the Nigerian police said.

The ongoing demonstrations are mainly against Nigeria's worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation and accusations of misgovern-



Police fired tear gas during a protest in Abuja, Nigeria, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024.

Associated Press

ment and corruption in Africa's most populous country. Nigeria's public officials are among the best-paid in Africa, a stark contrast in a country that has some of the world's poorest and hungriest people despite being one of the continent's top oil producers.

At the Nigerian national stadium where dozens of protesters had gathered, police officers were seen firing tear gas to disperse

the demonstrations shortly before hooded operatives believed to be from the Nigerian secret service arrived, according to several protesters, journalists and videos shared with The AP. The Nigerian secret service, or Department of State Service whose operatives are usually hooded, quickly dispersed the protesters and then fired gunshots at the journalists who were still at the venue, according to six

journalists there who spoke to The AP on the record.

A video shot by one of the journalists showed the gun-wielding operatives chasing people in front of the stadium. Their vehicles, at least five in number, were parked alongside those of the Nigerian police.

"It was shocking because they saw us as journalists and we were telling them we were journalists," said Abdulkareem Mojeed, one

of the journalists attacked. At least three bullet holes pierced his car.

The journalists said they were far away from the protesters. They were wearing vests identifying them as media and were next to vehicles with media branding when they were fired at, they said.

A spokesperson for the secret service did not respond to telephone and email inquiries from The Associated Press. The service, which has a reputation for brutality, has frequently been accused of violent attacks and wrongful arrests.

Journalist Abdulqudus Ogundapo said he was scared for his safety when caught in the gunfire. "My first reaction was, 'let me just be safe,'" Ogundapo said, before they drove away.

It is common for journalists to be targeted by security forces while in the line of duty in Nigeria, which is ranked 112th out of 180 countries in the latest World Press Freedom Index by Reporters Without Borders.

Protesters, too, have been shot at in the country, including during the deadly 2020 demonstrations against police brutality. □

Children at risk of dying in Sudan's famine-hit Darfur as medical supplies are blocked, group says



People gather to collect water in Khartoum, Sudan, on May 28, 2023, during a weeklong truce, brokered by the U.S. and the Saudis.

Associated Press

By **SAMY MAGDY**

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Malnourished children in a famine-hit camp for war-displaced people in Sudan's western Darfur re-

gion are at risk of dying, an aid group said Sunday, because it was forced to ration malnutrition treatment due to a blockade imposed by a notorious paramilitary group.

Doctors Without Borders said the Rapid Support Forces, which have besieged al-Fasher city as part of its war against the Sudanese military, have blocked three trucks carrying lifesaving medical supplies, including therapeutic food, for the city and the nearby Zamzam camp where famine was confirmed last week.

Sudan plunged into chaos in April last year when simmering tensions between the military and the RSF devolved into open fighting in the capital, Khartoum, before spreading across the northeastern African country. Darfur saw some of the worst and most devastating bouts of fighting in the war.

The conflict has killed thou-

sands of people and pushed many into starvation. It created the world's largest displacement crisis with more than 10 million people forced to flee their homes since April 2023, according to the U.N. migration agency. Over 2 million of those fled to neighboring countries.

International experts in the Famine Review Committee confirmed Thursday that starvation at Zamzam camp, where up to 600,000 people shelter, has grown into full famine.

International experts use set criteria to confirm the existence of famines.

A famine is declared in an area when one in five people or households severely lack food and face starvation

and destitution that would ultimately lead to critical levels of acute malnutrition and death.

In Zamzam camp, which has swelled with the arrival of new displaced people, many children are in critical condition, Doctors Without Borders said, adding that the malnutrition ward at its field hospital in the camp is overcrowded with a 126% bed occupancy rate.

The group said RSF fighters have blocked the trucks in the town of Kabkabiya for over a month, adding that it was forced to limit the number of children receiving therapeutic food in the overcrowded camp as its stock of medicine covers only two weeks. □



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Best spots to view the sunset

(Oranjestad)—Today we celebrate Valentine's Day, and what can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.

California Light House

Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the

island.

Manchebo & Eagle Beach

Speaking of the western shore-line, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!*

Arashi Beach

Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple hue.

Hooiberg Hill

These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs



and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation

If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back.

Editor's note: This spot may be my personal favorite, if you couldn't already tell. ☐

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Weather Forecast for Aruba: Excessive Heat in Upcoming Months



In a recent announcement, Meteo Aruba issued a warning to the people of Aruba about excessive heat, as the hottest months of the year are approaching. These months are August, September, and October. High temperatures can have severe effects if necessary precautions are not taken.

A combination of high temperatures and high humidity levels, along with less strong winds than usual, can cause discomfort for certain individuals. For the maximum temperatures in the coming months, Meteo Aruba reports that they could range from 34°C to 36°C, and humidity levels will be between 85% to 90% or more. This will contribute

to a heat index, indicating how hot it feels, around 43°C to 46°C each day. Meteo Aruba emphasizes that there will not be much change during nighttime hours. The high heat and humidity will not decrease significantly at night, with temperatures only dropping to a minimum of 28°C to 29°C.

This could increase the risk for people who cannot find a place to cool down their bodies. Excessive heat is the number one weather-related killer, and people must be prepared for the dangers that excessive heat can cause. Particularly vulnerable groups include young children, the elderly, and those with heart conditions.

Meteo Aruba recommends



limiting outdoor activities to early morning hours or after the sun sets. They also advise using air conditioning if available, or at least opening windows to allow air circulation in the house.

An excessive heat warning means that for a certain period, some months, high temperatures are expected. Meteo emphasizes that the combination of high temperature and high humidity can create a situation where illnesses caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures may occur.

They advise all to drink plenty of fluids, if possible, stay in air-conditioned rooms or places, avoid sun exposure as much as possible, and wear light-colored and light-weight clothing, preferably white.

It is important for citizens and visitors to know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include headache; dizziness or fainting; heavy sweating; cold, pale, or clammy skin; nausea or vomiting; fast and weak pulse; weakness or muscle cramps; and excessive thirst.

Symptoms of heat stroke, which is a medical emergency, include headache; confusion or delirium; loss of consciousness; no sweating/dry skin; hot, red skin;

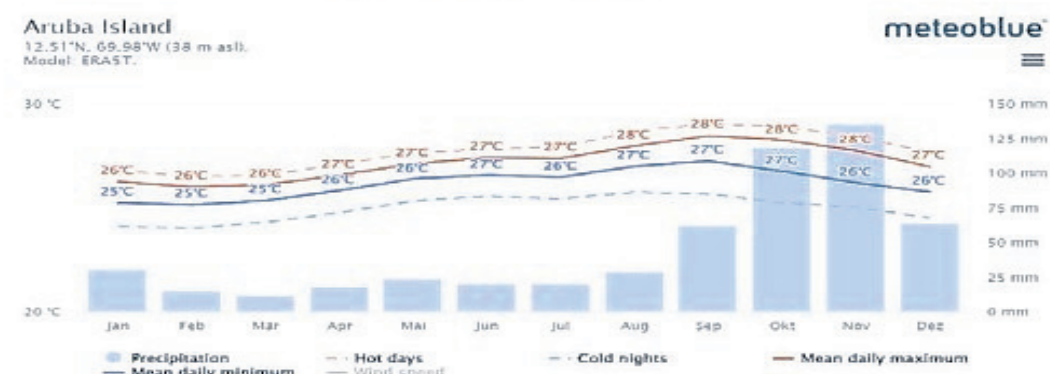
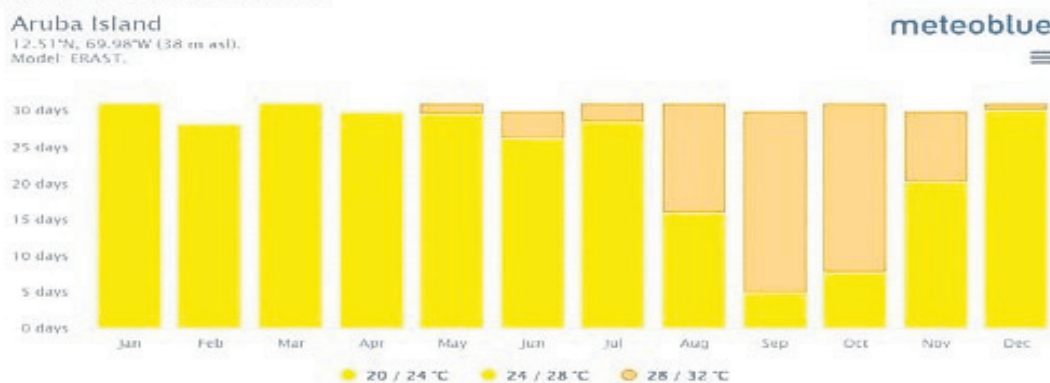
nausea or vomiting; fast heartbeat; body temperature above 104°F.

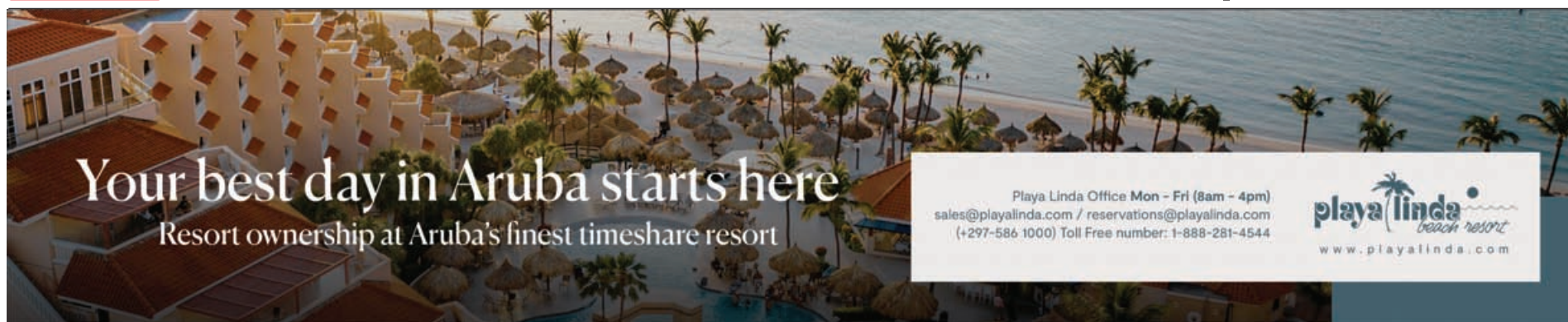
In case someone is suffering from heat exhaustion, they should be hydrated with water or sports drinks and avoid alcohol. Move to a cooler place with air conditioning. Lie down. If conscious, drink water slowly. Take a cool bath or apply cold cloths to the body. If vomiting continues, seek medical attention. Remove dark clothing or extra layers of clothing. Act quickly, as heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

If suffering from heat stroke, call 911 immediately as it is a medical emergency. Move the person to a cooler place. Use cold cloths to reduce body temperature. Do not give fluids.

It is also important not to forget about pets, who can also suffer severe effects from the heat. Some essential tips are to provide plenty of fresh, clean water, create a cool environment, avoid hot surfaces, never leave pets in a car, limit outdoor activities, use cooling techniques, and stay alert for signs of trouble, especially symptoms like excessive panting, drooling, fast heartbeat, lack of movement, vomiting, or collapse. If a pet shows these symptoms, seek veterinary attention immediately. □

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Aruba Airport Authority announces the next phase of the Gateway 2030 Project



Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA), which manages and operates Aruba Airport, is pleased to announce the signing of a new contract with ABO Projects VOF. This alliance is formed by Algemeen Bouwbedrijf "Albo Aruba" N.V. and Bouw- en Handelsmaatschappij "Bohama" Aruba N.V. This partnership is responsible for the construction of Phase 1B, a significant step in the ongoing expansion and modernization of the facilities at Aruba Airport's terminal.

Following the recent completion of Phase 1A, which will become op-

erational at the beginning of 2025, Phase 1B will commence on October 16, 2024. It is anticipated that this phase will take approximately 24 months to complete and will include:

- Expansion and renovation of the existing waiting area at Gate 8, further enhancing passenger comfort and experience;
- Construction of a new building with three departure gates. This will include state-of-the-art infrastructure and technology to increase the capacity of each waiting area and accommo-



date gates with jet bridges, improving the overall departure and arrival services;

- New waiting areas for the new building and jet bridges for the gates, providing opportunities for efficient use of space for a seamless passenger flow;
- Construction of a connection to link the existing airport building with the new building, ensuring easy access and connection between terminals;
- The new facility will include three new remote bus gates on the ground floor, with walkways and access to the ramp, making the remote bus operation more efficient;
- Construction of additional infrastructure for retail and F&B in the new building, offering more shopping, dining, and beverage options before passengers leave the island.

All the mentioned features will include sustainability characteristics such as solar panels for airside energy and the reuse of condensate water to promote ecological practices.

AUA Airport is excited to begin the next phase of the Gateway 2030 project, as this will enhance its ability to serve airline partners, passengers, and the entire airport community. Moreover, it is proud to initiate this project with the involvement of local companies, providing more job opportunities on the island in the areas of construction, engineering, and more.

This project underscores AAA's commitment to modernizing AUA Airport's infrastructure, improving the overall travel experience, and meeting the growing demand for Aruba. □

Aruba to me

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Thank you for supporting our free newspaper, we strive to make you a happy reader every day again. For today we received a lovely message from Susan Shroff and William H. Smith from New Jersey, USA.

Susan wrote to us saying: "Aruba to me is love, family, and home. My husband and I were married in Aruba and were delighted to celebrate our tenth anniversary last week with our Aruba family of friends at Water's Edge, the site of our original wedding reception. Most of the people who were in attendance at our wedding ten years ago, along with some new friends and relatives, were here to share our joy.

I have been coming to Aruba for more than 30 years, while my husband has joined me here for 21 years, so Aruba—specifically Costa Linda—is what we consider home. We have

been blessed to meet people from all over the world, and have nurtured long-lasting friendships, which are very dear to us. Every year we look forward to our "family reunions" so we can catch up in person, instead of via phone or FaceTime.

There is nothing better than being greeted with a heartfelt "Welcome Home!" when we arrive at Costa Linda each year because we consider the staff as part of our extended family, as well. This is definitely paradise at our home away from home.

We love Aruba's people, shops, restaurants, history, beaches, and landscape. There is no other place for us than this happy island."

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



Visit the island's popular cave sites!



(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadirikiri cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadirikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri

Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual

ceremonies.

The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight!☐

Note to visitors:

Due to heavy rainfall in the past few days, Arikok National Park has informed that they have closed the Quadirikiri Cave until further notice for the safety of visitors.

Fontein remains open from 9am to 4pm.



The Aruban Cunukero

From past to present

(Oranjestad)—Aruba's culture consists of rich historical traditions that make up the Aruban identity and lifestyle. However, the life of the cunukero (farmer) is perhaps the most important aspect of our culture, in a sense representing to locals the true essence of the Aruban.

Historically, cunucus (farms) played a huge role in the early social and economic development of Aruba, and its relevance dates back to the early days of the colonization era. Upon being discovered by Spanish conquistadors in the late 15th century, Aruba was used primarily as a ranch, housing horses and cattle brought from Europe. During the Dutch colonization era where the West Indian Company (WIC) dominated the economic sphere on the island, using the land to set up cattle farms and ranches remained popular.

Anthropologist Sidney Mintz divided Caribbean farmers back in four categories:

1. The "squatters", who were mostly comprised of illegal and poor colonists, runaway slaves and deserters who took advantage of the Spanish's weak supervision on Caribbean islands like Cuba and the DR;
2. Then you have "Early Yeomen", who were legal farmers who came to the west under contract. Once their contract expired, they were given a plot of land for independent use;
3. Proto-Peasants were plantation slaves who were allowed to have a small piece of land to grow food for their own consumption. This was to curb the cost of living on the plantations;
4. Lastly you have the "Runaway Peasantries", usually comprised of runaway slaves who acquired farming tools and cattle through stealing or through secret exchanges with other slaves from different plantations.

However, the Aruban cunukeros back then are hard to place, and their history may explain why.

From 1636 (beginning of Dutch



colonization era) to before the oil industry in 1924, Aruba's population consisted of mostly farmers. These farmers were mostly indigenous and were characterized as peasants. They weren't allowed to participate in trading, but instead were granted a piece of land to live off of. However, in exchange for this grant, these indigenous farmers were obligated to work for the WIC, doing daily tasks such as taking care of or hunting cattle—large majority of which were destined for Curacao, clean water tanks and chop wood, among other things.

As much as these farmers were given to opportunity to live "free" with a plot of land, their exclusion from the trading and business world, as well as being deprived the chance to become real property and cattle owners, made them a unique group among Caribbean farmers at the time.

The WIC placed a lot of restrictions on these indigenous farmers—a method to safeguard their cattle deposit on the island. The indigenous farmers were mostly granted less than 7 acres of land. Those who owned bigger land were either once affiliated with the WIC or were colonists who settled on the

island to try their luck at farming. In 1767, there were about 120 houses/cunucus on the island.

These Aruban farmers were also limited to the amount of cattle they could keep. Most kept goats as cattle, as only those who were affiliated with the WIC could keep (more) sheep. Of the 76 goat herders on the island, about 45 of them had less than 30 goats, and only 7 of them had more than 60 goats.

It wasn't until the WIC was defunct in late 18th century that these farmers were able to obtain more freedom as cunukeros. After 1824, the government gave these farmers official permission to keep livestock, and the obligations once placed on them were officially discarded.

Because of the dry climate in Aruba, growing food for commercial purposes was not popular. The focus was mainly on cattle herding and taking care of livestock. However, livestock need food to survive, and when Aruba experienced its duper dry climate, many farmers would see a big loss in their livestock, and hence profit.

Although the WIC at one point did try to come up with an initiative to get more people to have land on

the island, the climate never really allowed real profit from farming. Because of the climate, Aruban farmers in general could not keep large quantities of livestock. At a certain point toward the end of the 18th century, the climate got so bad that many farmers decided to leave the island for a while.

For this reason, the farming economy on the island remained small. As the years went by and people noticed that these farms could not really produce any sustainable profit, farmers kept their small piece of land just to live off of. This is why the Aruban cunukeros only played a very tiny role into the plantation economy.

In modern Aruba, cunucus and cunukeros still exist on the island, fortunately with more freedom and more opportunity to tap into the agricultural market. These farmers usually sell their produce on a smaller scale, like during farmers' market events and other types of (holiday) events. □

Source: "Arubaans Akkoord: Opstellen over Aruba van voor de komst van de olieindustrie (Aruban Accord: Essays on Aruba Before the Arrival of the Oil Industry)" by Alofs, Luc; Rutgers, Wim; Coomans, Henny E. red.

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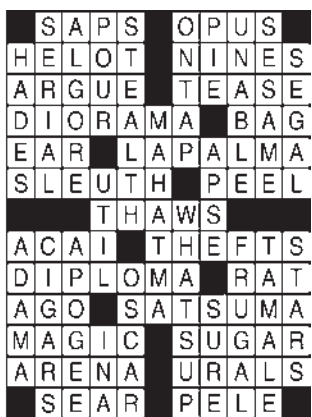
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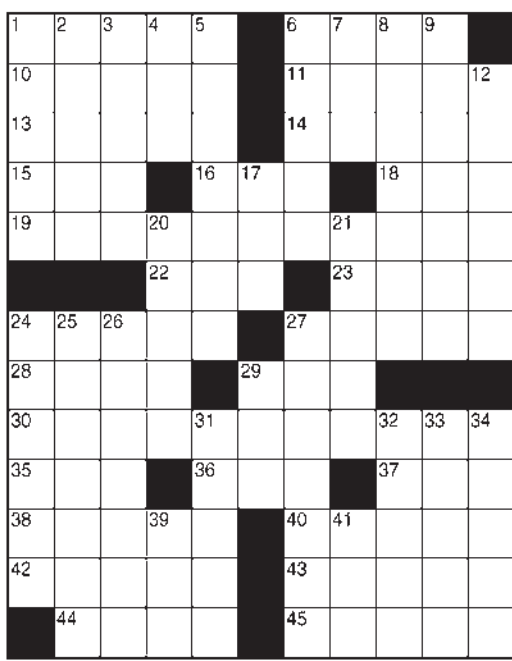
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Same storm, different names: How Invest 97L could graduate to Hurricane Debby



Patrick Brafford, a beach lifeguard manager, uses a tie down strap to help secure a compact track loader and a lifeguard tower to help pull it further away from the water in preparation of potential storm at Clearwater Beach on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, in Clearwater, Fla.

Associated Press

By JEFF AMY, ISABELLA VOLMERT and JULIE WALKER
Associated Press

It's an area of low atmospheric pressure, thunderstorms and wind sloshing out of the Caribbean Sea across Cuba, into the Gulf of Mexico and toward Florida. But by the time it dissipates, weather forecasters may have called it by five different names. First it was Invest 97L, then it was Potential Tropical Cyclone Four. Late Friday as it strengthened it became Tropical Depression Four. It became Tropical Storm Debby on Saturday and could intensify into Hurricane Debby on Sunday or Monday.

The various names are used to classify the intensity of a storm in the Atlantic Ocean and the eastern

and central Pacific Ocean. Most storms start as an area of intense thunderstorms before they develop the cyclonic rotation of winds moving around in a circle, sometimes around a clear eye.

In the Northern Hemisphere, those winds move counterclockwise, while in the Southern Hemisphere they move clockwise. Why did the storm start as 'Invest 97L'?

Before the National Hurricane Center issued its first advisory on the system Friday, it was referred to as "Invest 97L."

Jack Beven, senior hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center, said "invest," short for investigation, is mostly an internal designation used to designate a tropical

wave or area of disturbed weather that forecasters want to watch.

Beven said an invest does not necessarily mean the system is more dangerous or close to becoming a tropical cyclone, but serves as a status marker that a disturbance has reached the point where the agency can follow it.

"It's a little bit of an indicator that the system has got-

ten more interesting," Beven said. □



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PARIS (AP) — The American men are finally matching the women at the Paris Olympics, where the female athletes went into the halfway mark with a 9-0 lead in individual gold medals for the United States.

The men wearing red, white and blue found a groove on Sunday — Day 9 of the Games.

Bobby Finke set a world record in the 1,500-meter freestyle on the final night of swimming, Scottie Scheffler delivered the best performance of his greatest year by rallying from four shots behind to win the men's golf tournament, and Noah Lyles became the first American to win the men's 100 meters in 20 years.

That all came a day after the American men started to claw their way into the standings when Vincent Hancock made his final two shots to win gold in the men's skeet, and Ryan Crouser followed with his third straight gold in shot put.

American women still made their mark on Sunday: Kristen Faulkner won the women's road race to become the first U.S. rider in 40 years to win a medal in the event, the 4x100 medley relay team set a world record in winning gold in the pool, and Sunisa Lee won her third medal of these Games with a bronze on bars.

A look at what happened on Day 9 of the Games:

Lyles at last gets his gold

Lyles has officially cemented himself as "The Fastest Man in the World" with a win in the 100 meters that was decided in a photo finish.

The 27-year-old Lyles is the first American to win the event since Justin Gatlin at the 2004 Athens Games. His lean at the finish line was enough to give him the gold by just .005 seconds over Kishane Thompson of Jamaica. Fred Kerley won the bronze as the United States put two sprinters on the podium.

Lyles ran a career best



Noah Lyles, of the United States, celebrates after winning the men's 100-meter final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, in Saint-Denis, France.

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9.784 seconds to earn the gold and will seek a sweep later this week in the 200 meters. Thompson's silver is his first Olympic medal and Kerley took bronze in 9.81 seconds.

It was the closest 100-meter since at least Moscow in 1980 — or maybe even ever. Back then, Britain's Allan Wells narrowly beat Silvio Leonard in an era when timing didn't go down into the thousandths of a second.

Lyles will be a favorite later this week in the 200 meters — his better race — and will try to join Usain Bolt as the latest runner to win both Olympic sprints.

Defending champion Marcell Jacobs of Italy made the final but did not medal. Meanwhile, Jamaican sprinter Shericka Jackson pulled out of the women's 200 meters and will not race for an individual medal in Paris. She had already pulled out of the 100 meters to focus on the 200.

Americans set 2 world records as swimming ends

The giddiness over Finke's world record was short-lived as the Americans lost

the men's 4x100 medley relay at the Summer Games for the first time.

China stunned the U.S., which had won gold in the event at every Olympics other than the boycotted Moscow Games in 1980. The medley relay was added to the program in 1960. The Americans had to settle for silver, with France taking bronze to give Léon Marchand his fifth medal of the games to go along with four individual golds.

The Americans closed the swimming portion of these Games with two gold and two world records Sunday. The second medal came in the women's 4x100 medley relay.

Lilly King made up for a disappointing showing in her individual events by powering the Americans to the lead on the breaststroke segment, then it was Gretchen Walsh and Torri Huske, two of the biggest U.S. stars at these Games, bringing it home in 3 minutes, 49.63 seconds to break the record of 3:50.40 set by the U.S. at the 2019 world championships. Regan Smith led off in the

backstroke leg, finally earning her first career gold.

Scheffler comes back to take gold in golf

Scheffler is already a six-time winner on the PGA Tour this year — his tally includes his second Masters title — and now he's Olympic champion. The world's No. 1 player won with a 9-under 62 in a thriller at Le Golf National.

Although he matched the course record, Scheffler still needed help.

Jon Rahm of Spain had a four-shot lead over Tommy Fleetwood of England when he stepped on the 11th tee.

Fleetwood caught him in two holes as Rahm had a stunning collapse. Six players then entered the chase, including Victor Perez of France, who came within one shot of the podium.

But it was Scheffler who charged to the front with four straight birdies down the stretch. He set an Olympic record for 72 holes at 19-under 265.

Fleetwood won the silver medal and the bronze went to Hideki Matsuyama of Japan.

Djokovic finally wins gold

Novak Djokovic came to the Paris Olympics determined to fill the gap in his resume with a gold medal. He did it by beating Carlos Alcaraz 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2) in an enthralling men's tennis singles final. The victory gave the 37-year-old Serbian the last significant win he was missing in his storied career. Djokovic already had a men's-record 24 Grand Slam titles and the most weeks spent at No. 1 in the rankings by any man or woman.

And although he won an Olympic medal in the 2008 Beijing games, it was a bronze.

He'd lost to the eventual gold medal winner in three semifinals: Rafael Nadal at Beijing in 2008, Andy Murray at London in 2012, and Alexander Zverev in Tokyo three years ago. To finally get the gold, Djokovic had to beat Alcaraz in a rematch of the Wimbledon title match three weeks ago that Alcaraz won to follow up his French Open title in June.

Djokovic is the oldest man to win the singles gold in his sport since 1908 — and prevented Spain's Alcaraz, who is 21, from becoming the youngest.

U.S. women roll in basketball

The Americans continued their domination in women's basketball as they chase an eighth consecutive gold medal.

The United States beat Germany 87-68 to extend their record winning streak to 58 consecutive games dating to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The team clinched the top seed in its pool as it moves into the quarterfinals. □

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Abreu homers twice, Duran hits tiebreaking shot as Red Sox beat Rangers 7-2

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— Willyer Abreu homered twice and tied a career high with four RBIs, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Boston leadoff man Jarren Duran, who had three hits, connected on a tiebreaking homer for the second time in less than three weeks at the home of the Rangers.

The first of those two made Duran the MVP in the AL's 5-3 victory in the All-Star Game on July 16.

The second added to his official total, a solo shot that was his 14th and put Boston up 3-2 in the fifth inning.

Corey Seager homered for the third time in the series for Texas — his 22nd of the season — and Josh Jung went deep for the first time in his fifth game back since missing three months with a broken right wrist.

Those homers gave the defending World Series champions a 2-0 lead and were the only hits allowed by Nick Pivetta, who was removed an out shy of qualifying for the win.

The right-hander struck out five in 4 2/3 innings.

Rookie Cam Booser (2-2) pitched a perfect 1 1/3 innings, the first of four Boston relievers who retired 13 of the 14 Texas batters they faced.

David Hamilton also homered for Boston, his sixth.

Abreu triggered his first career multihomer game with a tying solo shot in the fourth off Nathan Eovaldi.

The Texas right-hander's streak without a walk ended at 43 1/3 innings and 167 batters, both franchise records, when Masataka Yoshida drew a free pass with one out in the first.

Walter Pennington made his Texas debut replacing Eovaldi (8-5) with two on and nobody out in the sixth, and Abreu greeted the left-hander with a three-run shot, his 12th of the season, for a 6-2 lead.

Pennington was in the minor leagues when the



Washington Nationals' Luis Garcia Jr. (2) celebrates after his home run in front of Milwaukee Brewers catcher Gary Sanchez (99) during the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, in Washington.

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Rangers acquired him in a trade with Kansas City on July 29.

His big league debut and only other appearance was with the Royals on July 5.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Red Sox: OF Tyler O'Neill was available off the bench a day after staying at the team hotel with an illness. ... Manager Alex Cora said RHP Chris Martin (elbow inflammation) might skip a rehab appearance and be available out of the bullpen for the Red Sox on Wednesday night in Kansas City.

Rangers: LHP Jacob Latz went on the 15-day injured list with left forearm tightness.

LHP Brock Burke was recalled from Triple-A Round Rock to take Latz's spot in the bullpen. ... OF Wyatt Langford was out of the lineup a second consecutive day.

Manager Bruce Bochy said the rookie was dealing with back tightness.

UP NEXT

Red Sox: LHP James Paxton (8-3, 4.52 ERA) is set for his second Boston start since being traded by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It's the opener of a three-game series in Kansas City on Monday night.

Rangers: LHP Andrew Heaney (4-11, 4.12) is scheduled for the opener of a three-game series at home against Houston. □



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